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THE LITTLE BOY

ve a sunny kitchen, with the door
ide to the green June world; an apple tree
ooks in at the broad window, pleasantly,
scatters golden pennies on my floor.
ve a breakfast table, neatly set
ith all the good and proper things it ought—
bowl of honeysuckle, freshly brought,
little garden roses sweet and wet.
, too, a little boy have I,
in my kitchen's all my earth and sky. . . .

il the paper comes, and all the world comes, too,
ith party politics and wars and Kings,
ith wit and fashions, all disturbing things,
sorrow—sorrow woven through and through.
n, as I read, my kitchen disappears,
little boy above his porridge bowl,
ecomes a gaunt and worn and tattered soul,
ting alone the strange and sordid years.
I, who fain would shield him well—
y bright kitchen a strong citadel?

n pebbles come into a woman's hand,
ead of rocks—frail pebbles, like a stream's,
most like shells, with little rainbow gleams.
will these build a fortress that will stand?
the goodness of fresh buttered bread,
rgiveness for a stocking torn in play,
igh celebration on a holiday,
evening charm of stories told or read,
prises" from each little journey brought,
e graciousness of "parties" 'neath the tree,
d at the elders' parties, cambric tea,
to assure that one is not forgot—
se, and a kitchen sweet with sun, have I,
little boy to shield and fortify.
e whimsic memory, in a day apart,
weetness and to faith may save his heart.

—The New York Times.

POLITICS

e two big parties of this country have had their
entions, written their platforms, and made their
inations. The results of these great gatherings
—what? Acceptable to some and frankly disap-
ting to others. The men who are nominated are
hurch members, the Republicans have chosen a
ist and a Congregationalist for their standard
ers, while the Democrats have gone to the Epis-
l church exclusively. It goes then with the say-
hat all four men are good men, whether they are
for the presidential office or not.

The charge that is brought against Mr. Harding is that he is not a leader, is not progressive, and will be too largely under the control of the men about him. This is claimed as a virtue by others, who say that we have just had one President who listened to no man, and it would be a wise change to get a man in that superior office who is not a super-man, that is,—superior man.

The charge is made against Mr. Cox that he is "wet" and that this is the time when we want a "dry" President at the head of affairs. His friends say that Governor Cox (even if he is wet, which is doubtful) is not the man to allow his personal views to prevent him from enforcing the laws and he himself has asserted that true to his past he will see that the Eighteenth Amendment is carried out in letter and spirit so long as it is in the Constitution.

This is a glorious campaign; it demands that men shall read widely, not merely the newspapers of limited vision and partisan spirit which California furnishes them, but periodicals of all sorts from all parts of the land; it demands that they inform themselves concerning these two leading candidates and vote, not so much according to party as to principles and personalities.

About the only clear thing the two parties stand for and against is that supreme matter in our present world-history—the League of Nations; the Republicans are distinctly against it, and the Democrats are equally as clearly for it. Both parties dodged the "wet and dry" issue; but on this issue they spoke positively.

REACTIONS

A happy word from Boston. J. W. R. says: "The Pacific as a publication is not quite the size of the Pacific ocean; but it is needed and choice. I hope to see it enlarged. All good wishes for our little monthly."

Another living in California writes: "I'll pay up to October, 1921. That is as far ahead as I care to look with the kind of nominations we have for President."

WHAT DID SHE MEAN

Sometimes one has to read between the lines. Definiteness is a very desirable quality. The other day this office received an epistle from an honored subscriber, which said: "I am taking a religious weekly, so don't wish to take the Pacific any longer."

The interpretation the printer's devil puts upon the comment is that she is not able to stand too much religion, and takes the "weakly" by preference. But the foreman of the shop says—well, it does not matter what he says; he is inclined to be a cynic anyhow.

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I NEVER READ IT

A minister said that. He said it with a sort of pride, as though it were something to modestly brag about. He was speaking concerning the magazine issued by our Congregational Extension Societies—the American Missionary.

The editor was abashed; because he always read it. It looked a little as though the editor was a back-number; for that minister was a pretty well informed gentleman of the cloth, and his opinion carries weight. In his sanctum the editor has recovered something of his sang-froid, and he dares to say—If you never have read it, you ought to be ashamed of yourself, and to bring forth fruit meet for repentance.

There are too many of our people who are missing a good thing. There are women galore who read the L-d-s H-m- J-rn-l, assiduously, and there are just as many men who spend a heap of time perusing the the pages of the S-t-r-d-y Evn-ng P-st, who would get an eye-opener and a mind-illuminator if they would spend half the time upon that splendid publication which the reverend gentleman despised.

The editor wants to declare without fear of contradiction by any reader of that magazine, that for a Christian man and especially for a Congregationalist there is not a publication to be bought on the newsstands that can hold a candle for interest, information, inspiration by the side of this church publication. If you don't believe us, read for yourselves and see. We venture the assertion, if any one will carefully read the last number, he will say Amen boldly and honestly to everything in this meditation of the subdued editor.

THE CONFERENCE

The Northern California Conference is for the first time to hold its annual meeting this year at the Y. W. C. A. Conference grounds at Asilomar, instead of with one of the churches in accordance with the usual custom. The need has been felt for a longer time together than the customary three days and for an environment free from the distractions of city life and where accommodations could be provided for all who might attend, without the necessity of heavy work on the part of the entertaining church.

The date chosen is September 7-13, beginning a 2:30 p. m. on Tuesday the 7th, and closing on Monda morning, the 13th. It is hoped that there will be large attendance from the churches, not confined t those who are appointed as official delegates, but in cluding Congregational families from all over th Conference; special emphasis is laid upon the attend ance of young people.

The program will include each day a morning ses sion of business and the discussion of the interest of the Kingdom, an informal fireside gathering in th early evening, and an inspirational and uplifting even ing session, the afternoons being left free for recrea tion and rest.

A morning hour each day is to be given to the con sideration of modern psychology on the teaching o religion, under the direction of Prof. E. C. Rugh an Prof Breitweiser of the University of California. Du ing another hour the Conference will meet in groups— pastors, laymen and women—discussing problems an making plans for the year. Dr. James L. Gordon San Francisco will give one of the evening addresse and there are also plans for pageants, illustrate talks, demonstrations of church methods, etc.

A rate has been arranged of $2.50 per day, to cov all expenses at the grounds and the summer roun trip rate to Asilomar from San Francisco is $5.67.

For those who would prefer to camp and care f themselves arrangements can be made in a gro nearby.

WHAT ABOUT THE INTER-CHURCH

Will it continue? There are few Congregationalis but hope and pray that it may. It was—or is— noble and in a measure successful effort at co-ope tion. It was ideal; it was Christian in its purpo That alone justifies its past and ought to insure future. Mistakes are made; but the outcome of t canvass and the survey more than atone for t blunders.

The Presbyterians, as we have before report withdrew, but immediately realigned themselves w the movement on conditions. The Baptists at th Buffalo convention voted outright to withdraw. I we have received asurances that this is not to permanent.

A meeting of the officers and other leaders of Inter-church was held recently in New York; de gates were officially present from the Presbyter and Baptist denominations, and it was voted, we lieve unanimously, to go on with the movement i much modified form.

Dr. Woelfkin of New York when speaking at Buffalo convention credited the Inter-church w having brought large returns to that denominat He said:

"To my personal knowledge, the Inter-church brought the Baptist church $6,000,000. Today our rata gifts exceed the Methodists, the Presbyter and even our Southern Baptists."

The formal vote of the convention had this to concerning the movement:

"We declare our grateful belief that the m

ent has accomplished some very desirable and far-aching results under great difficulties and handi-ps, but that our experience convinces us that our operative relationships cannot be adequately or tisfactorily expressed in this movement as now con-tituted and that therefore our relations with the ter-church World Movement should be discontinued of June 30, 1920."

PRIMARY ELECTION FOR SENATOR

In August we are to be allowed the privilege of vot-g for one of three men to run on the Republican cket for United States Senator; these men are ortridge, Kent, Wallace. Only one of these men s had the endorsement of the Anti-Saloon League, d that man is A. J. Wallace, formerly Lieutenant-overnor of this state. It is vital that the "dry" rces unite in the selection of the nominee. The eat battle for prohibition is just this thing—to see at "dry" congressmen and senators are elected, so at congress shall not repeal or weaken the Volstead w.

There is an attempt being made at present to ving the "dry" vote away from Wallace to one of e other candidates. A communication has come to is office which explains itself. It is in part ap-nded here.

"July 10, 1920.

"Dear Dr. Briggs:

"I am surprised and distressed to learn that I am represented as opposed to the nomination of my dear friend, Hon. A. J. Wallace, for the United States Senate. On the contrary, I was one of the very first, as he knows, to urge his candidacy, and am **for him first, last and all the time** against the field. A personal letter written by me some time ago with the express stiplation that it was not to be used for political ends, has been interpreted as against Wallace.

I am working daily publicly and privately for Wallace as the only man the drys should support for the nomination. Not to be for him would be base ingratitude to the man who, next to Gandier, has done most for our cause, and to be disloyal to him would be the betrayal of Prohibition.

Yours faithfully,
ELBERT R. DILLE.

MOUNT HERMAN FEDERATE SCHOOL OF MISSIONS

There were dear and well-remembered Congrega-onal women's faces at the Federate School of Mis-ons, held at beautiful Mount Hermon July 5-12. here were, among them, Mrs. F. B. Perkins, dele-ate for the National Congregational Woman's Home issionary Federation, and her daughter, Miss Helen erkins. And there was Mrs. Howard May, faithfully tending to her table of Congregational missionary terature in the big tent auditorium.

The Congregational ladies are rejoicing over the ift of Congregational headquarters at Mount Her-on, Mrs. Davis having given "Pansy Circle" to the ongregational women. Outside of this house, among ne beautiful trees, the Congregational women gath-ed on Thursday, July 8, to hold their "rally," that being the afternoon of the separate denominational rallies. Mrs. Perkins, Mrs. Wagner of San Jose, and Mrs. Howard May were prominent at the rally.

The two text books, "The Bible and Missions," and "The Church and the Community," were taught each forenoon in the tent auditorium, the teacher of the former book being Mrs. A. Rosenberger of Whittier College, and the teacher of the latter book being Mrs. H. A. Fisk of Monrovia.

The Federate School greatly enjoyed the daily morning Bible hour, conducted by Rev. F. W. Russell, pastor of St. John's Presbyterian Church, Berkeley.

The evening lectures were free to the public. On Presbyterian evening, July 5, Rev. Albert Dudley of Lafayette, Indiana, spoke to an outdoor audience. Mr. Dudley in his travels is trying to impress on young people the importance of considering the missionary career as their lifework.

On Tuesday evening, July 6 (United Presbyterian evening) Mrs. J. A. Alter, who has a son who is a missionary in the Punjab, her younger son also studying to go there, gave an illustrated stereopticon lecture on India, many of her views being from photographs sent her by her son.

On Methodist evening, July 7, Rev. L. Loofburrow gave an illustrated lecture on "A Hundred Years of Mission Effort in Hawaii." Mr. Loofburrow was for four years pastor of the Methodist church in Honolulu. It is thrilling to know that the cross erected in memory of one hundred years of missions in Hawaii is erected on top of the old "killing stone" of the heathen Hawaiians, above the Punch Bowl.

On Thursday evening, July 8 (Baptist and Quaker evening), Rev. John Snape, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Oakland, spoke on "How to Find Yourself," and Mrs. A. Rosenberger, who was for a number of years a missionary in Palestine, gave a series of stereopticon views of peasant life outside of Jerusalem.

On Friday evening (Lutheran night), Rev. W. E. Crouser of the Lutheran Church of San Jose, gave an illustrated stereopticon address on the Lutheran churches of California. Saturday night there was a camp fire with stories by missionaries. It was a profitable and enjoyable week, and we hope to take home much information to our churches.

MARY E. BAMFORD,
Press Secretary, Mount Herman Federated School.

The Christian Endeavor is nothing if not ambitious. See what they are already planning, according to LaRue Watson, our young people's chairman. From September 1, 1920, to February 2, 1921, the campaign aims at--

600,000 vacant seats filled at Sunday and mid-week services.

600,000 enrolled in study classes, including church history.

600,000 young people uniting with the churches.

"It is always more difficult to live intelligently and patiently for a great ideal, than it is to die for it."—Brooks.

THE INSTITUTION

San Francisco, First

Dr. Gordon's ministry during his first months of active work on the Coast, has fully established itself as a vital force in the Protestant religious life of San Francisco. When he undertook the work he fully realized the needs and difficulties of the field and while he feels that it will take a considerable time yet to fully organize it as he wishes, nevertheless the beginning which has been made gives brilliant promise for the future.

First Church as a great down-town institution in the midst of hotels, theatres and movies, and with a large percentage of its audience of a transient character has called for a special kind of effort if it was to prosper in a large way. Furthermore it must prosper in a large way because its plant and opportunity preclude a small success.

While Dr. Gordon has ever kept before him the need of imparting the vital religious message, he has tried to so popularize it that the competition of the surroundings would be met and that without compromise. All who have watched the progress of this effort must admit that he has been wonderfully successful. Many services are "Standing Room Only," and oftentimes none of that—which means an audience of about 2000. The mid-week service which is now conducted as a Current Events class has lately outgrown the large lecture hall and promises to overflow the main auditorium.

Seventy members have been added to the church roll since the commencement of this ministry and there is every promise of much larger additions during the coming year. A large social work and a special Sunday afternoon meeting for children is planned for the fall and winter. During Dr. Gordon's vacation his brother, Mr. S. D. Gordon, author of the world famous "Quiet Talks" books which have been translated in many languages, has been conducting largely attended services.

Saratoga

The pastor Rev. F. C. Rolls has been spending part of his vacation at Santa Cruz, at the First church of which he preached one Sunday morning.

Redwood City

The church was happy to receive six new members into membership on July 4th. Five of them came upon confession of faith. Rev. C. H. Stevens is pastor. The church and Sunday school held its annual picnic in the Miles Redwood grove at Woodside.

Pacific Grove

The pastor, Burton M. Palmer, has resigned and expects to enter upon his new work with the Santa Cruz church to which he has been cordially called. Mr. Palmer has been at Pacific Grove for nearly eight years and has had an enjoyable and wholesome work in that time. Over two hundred new members have been added to the church, the larger share of whom came upon confession of faith. The net gain in the church membership has been sixty, in spite of constant removals of families from the community. The church has paid $4,000 on its debt, leaving only $1,000 owing to the Church Building Society. When th pastorate began there was a debt on current expense of $600, but that was promptly paid off and ther has been no deficit since then. A pipe organ costin $3,500 has been installed and paid for. The churc has met its apportionments regularly, and taken it share in the "drives" as they have come along.

Tulare

A much increased budget was put over last Decem ber with the Every Member Canvass. This has give a decided impetus to the work of the church i many directions. Since then the pastor's salary ha been increased $300.00. The interior of the churc has also been renovated throughout. A new lightin system is planned for the fall. Modern graded work has been introduced in the Sunday school with good success. There is a steady growth in attendance a the Sunday services. This is based on counting noses and not on optimistic estimates. There is a rea growth in the spirit of service. Seven have bee added to the church since the new year. The churc takes a strong place in the town in community service. It leads in Chautauqua and Lyceum work and helps in many other public and civic ventures The church has formally adopted by vote the benevol ence budget for the year, and exceeded its quota fo the Pilgrim Memorial Fund. Mr. Gould is pastor.

Plymouth, Oakland

During the absence of the pastor on his vacation, th pulpit will be supplied by Rev. Rowland B. Dodge an John B. Toomay. The latter is pastor of the churc at Ontario.

Oakland, First

The church has had a delightful summer program A very unique series of Sunday evening services in cluding such speakers as Chas. Brandon Booth, Be Scovel, W. J. Ashford of Tasmania and Dr. Robt Hume made possible a good attendance at the even ing services. On July 4th the Congregationalists o Oakland united in a patriotic service at the Firs Church. Dr. Kloss gave a stirring address on "Mo Rule or the Reign of Law." At the morning service Rev. Fred W. Morrison, the assistant pastor, preache the major part of the summer. The mid-week se vices were maintained throughout the summer wit a very good attendance as was also the Sunday Scho with a special platform program including a series beautiful scenic moving pictures which were appr priate for the vacation season. A Daily Vacatio Bible School was held with an enrollment of whic 40 per cent were children not hitherto identified wi the church school.

Bethany, Berkeley

The pastor, Rev. William Floyd, upon his return fro the International Council was greeted by a goo congregation. He gave a very interesting address

San Francisco, Oceanview

Rev. Vergil B. Mayne, who enters the Pacific Scho of Religion this fall, has been called to the pastora of the church; he will occupy the parsonage and li on the field. The Pacific welcomes this brother an his wife to the work of this city.

n Francisco, Bethany

ıe Editor had the privilege of attending the wedding rvice of this church with the Trinity Presbyterian ıurch. The first union service was held on July h with a congregation of about 85. The pastor of e federated churches preached a sermon on "Peter, e Rock." The sermon was followed by the com- union administered by President Langley of the n Anselmo Seminary.

ın Francisco, Mission Church

ıis church is endeavoring to meet the challenging nditions which the community in which it is sit- ted present. In the absence of both financial re- urces and personnel adequate and necessary to apple with this vast opportunity in any modern ıy whatever, pastor and people are simply engag- g with those imperative needs that are simplest d capable of being handled by the help available. ongregationalism has an opportunity in the Mission strict for a testimony as badly needed as in the art of Rome or Sinn Fein, Ireland, and Mission ıurch is located and physically equipped for meet- g this opportunity, but the vision of this great field ems to be limited to our Presbyterian brethren, ıo, a half a mile away, under similar conditions to the community, are investing money and talent a most remarkable way.

Mission Church has launched a five-year program ıich includes the installation of a new, splendid ro-manual pipe organ, and the payment of nearly ,000 on a debt of $6,000 to the Church Building So- ety. Something like $8,000 has been subscribed to is end. Prayer meeting attendance and interest e most encouraging, and the people are experienc- g a vital spiritual impulse that keeps them moving atefully and determinedly along. The apportion- ent will probably be met in full; the church papers e being taken by many, and the membership is aying for and expecting and to some extent is hav- g a spiritual awakening.

Mission Church has a flourishing Woman's Mission- y Society, of which Mrs. W. C. Day is president. ıe society has been following a regular course of ission study with great profit. The Ladies' Aid ciety, of which Mrs. J. B. Mirlington is president, a prosperous organization, adding much each year the financial income of the church. One of the ıest Boy Scout Troops in California, Troop 55, under ıe Mastership of Fred E. Golding, adds luster to the tivities of Mission Church. Rev. F. E. Holloway pastor.

ıoma

ıe Service Flag with its twenty-nine stars which s hung in the church in honor of the young men ıo went into war from this community was low- ed with appropriate ceremony on July 11. The stor, Isaac Cookman was assisted by Rev. C. C. ıamplin and Dr. Pfeiffer. Sonoma had a three-day lebration of the Fourth, which according to the xpositor-Forum proved not much of a success. Mr. aters, the editor, protests against the invasion of e Sabbath with exercises which ought to have been held on Monday, the legal day; and also against the running of various gambling devices for the amuse- ment of the people and their demoralization. We congratulate the Expositor-Forum for its brave stand.

God of the granite and the rose,
Soul of the sparrow and the bee,
The mighty tide of Being flows
Through countless channels, Lord, from Thee;
It leaps to life in grass and flowers,
Through every grade of being runs,
While from creation's radiant towers
Its glory flames from stars and suns.

JOHN REA

On the morning of July 5th, after a serious illness of several days, Mr. Rea died at his home in Mill Valley from heart failure in the seventy-seventh year of his life. He was born in Pittsburg, Pa., in 1844, was a graduate from Princeton Seminary, and had spent most of his life on this coast. For some years he was assistant pastor to Dr. John E. McLean, in the First Church in Oakland.

When he moved to Mill Valley he immediately interested himself in founding the Congregational church there of which he was the first pastor.

Mr. Rea was a man of many gifts, some of them outstanding. He was a musician to his finger tips. One of his helpful contributions to every community in which he lived was the creation of interest in that art. He organized and trained Choral Societies and helped to develop the music in the churches. During the organ recitals in Festival Hall, he furnished about forty themes for Mr. Lemare's improvizations, all of which the great organist accepted and used in his recitals.

His friends—and they are many up and down this coast—will remember him as a gentle, modest Christian, who was always willing to render any service within his power to those who sought his aid. Perhaps, it was this spirit of helpfulness that kept him so surprisingly young in spite of his increasing years.

Mr. Will H. Hays, chairman of the Republican National Committee, was recently installed as an elder in the Presbyterian church of Sullivan, Indiana, to succeed his father, who was for many years an officer in that church, up to the time of his death.

The present Governor of Indiana also is an elder in the Presbyterian church; at the General Assembly he said that of the last eight Governors of that state, five were Presbyterian elders. That looks almost like a union of church and State.

A virulent antagonism against the public church forum developed in the annual meeting of the Episcopal Diocese of New York. Dr. Percy Stickney Grant, who has a thriving Sunday evening forum in his church said, "You cannot conduct a downtown church the way you do a church on Fifth Avenue. Don't you think it is about time this diocese aided the down-town churches, instead of ripping them up the back."

THE INDIVIDUAL

Those who enjoyed "A Modern Revolt from Rome," will rejoice to learn that its author, Rev. John Augustine Cull, has written another book upon early California, entitled "The Bride of Mission San Jose," which will soon be published by a New York house. Dr. and Mrs. Cull are now taking an automobile trip to Denver, St. Louis, Chicago, New York, the southern states to Florida, and before they return they expect to spend three months in England and on the continent.

Rev. F. W. Morrison, the assistant pastor of the First Oakland, after a motor trip to Walla Walla, has enrolled in the Summer School of the University at Berkeley.

Rev. George DeKay severs his relationship with the War Service Club at Fort MacDowell and will probably take up work in one of our churches.

At the Monday Club on July 18th the members gave a cordial welcome to a number of visitors, among whom were Loyal Lincoln Wirt back for a brief vacation; Rev. W. J. Ashford of Tasmania on his return from the Boston Conference; Rev. J. B. Silcox, who has been supplying the Plymouth Church at Seattle, and Rev. Mrs. Collet, now engaged in Indian work.

The program committee of the Monday Club announces that Rev. Carl S. Patton of Los Angeles will speak on the morning of August 2. He will probably give his International Council address. On August 9 the Club is to have the pleasure of hearing S. D. Gordon, the well-known author of "Quiet Hours," the brother of Rev. James L. Gordon of the First San Francisco, whose pulpit he is supplying during July and August.

President and Mrs. C. S. Nash are occupying the Mill Valley parsonage as a vacation stunt, and they say they are enjoying it. The scenery is very invigorating.

Superintendent Rathbone and family have been enjoying a month's vacation at Calistoga. The party climbed Mount St. Helena, a perfectly proper stunt for all visitors in that region.

The officers for the Monday Club, July 1 to January 1 are: Charles L. Kloss, president; Rowland B. Dodge, vice-president; John Brereton, secretary and treasurer. The program committee is Ralph B. Larkin, I. H. Morse and E. C. Oakley.

Rev. William D. MacDonald, social service director of the Plymouth Church, Oakland, was married on June 16th to Miss June Alexander. The wedding ceremony took place in the auditorium of the church.

Rev. F. J. Van Horn upon his return from the International Council went to Southern California for his vacation, during which time he is to preach two Sundays at Pasadena.

Rev. E. J. Singer is again among us; his attendance at the Monday Club was greeted with joy. His friends rejoice at his recovery.

THE SAVING SUBSTANCE

President Blaisdell in Baccalaureate Sermon at Pomona College

Ye are the salt of the earth. Ye are the saving substance. I understand this to mean that however vast and inclusive is the redemptive process of the world, so it operates, it operates through men and women like ourselves. We are the divine media for the best that shall ever be. Men and women doing their brave and adequate work in life, loyal to their duty, for the most part in the inconspicuous and apparently inconsequential places, making their honest individual protests against wrong, giving their personal unfamed testimony, enlisting in all heartiness in youth, keeping good cheer through the disillusioning years and carrying unfurled standards to the end of the day, vehicles of a spirit which is not of this world—these, despite all appearances, are the saving substance of society. This reaffirmation of the Christian Gospel is the simple and fundamental and heartening word of this hour.

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It is precisely this insistence of Jesus on the essential redemptive service to be rendered only by men and women like ourselves which people have always found it hard to accept and which we, too, are slow to credit. What are we that we can do anything in our worthless impact on the ponderous and settled forces of our day? What is going to vary in the upshot of history because you and I in our tiny and secluded places, are simple and sincere?

Wealth can do it, so we think; and we proceed to invoke it to mass itself in imperial profusion on the side of the new order. And wealth can help. Or force can do it—though we do not now say this quite so confidently as we once did—if it will enlist the fiat of its might. Or production will do it; or knowledge will do it; or socialism will do it, or more anything other than ourselves.

And yet always we do know that every better thing in this world started in the impulse that was given it by some simple life, and was slowly and painfully caught up by some little group like ourselves, and then through many and strange and sometimes quite indiscernible vicissitudes was carried out into the current of the world.

There is no other way than this. Good men and women are the saving salt of the earth.

DR. GORDON'S PRAYER MEETING

Fifty seats not taken at a prayer meeting! Yes that's what happened, and not down in the prayer meeting room, either, for that room was too small and the auditorium was opened. Those fifty vacant seats were not on the main floor, for every seat there was taken the second Wednesday night after the overflow. Those fifty vacant seats were in the balcony!

Where did all this happen? Why in our First Church in San Francisco. You know Dr. James L. Gordon has been pastor there less than a year. And now his prayer meetings fill the auditorium. But how about his Sunday services? Well that's

ıer matter, but there is hardly standing room on ne Sundays. And do you know people on the eets, and in the hotel lobbies are saying, "Let's and hear Dr. Gordon."

t is really wonderful the way these prayer meetings ve grown! They certainly are unique. People all ound me the other evening had been sitting there lf an hour before Dr. Gordon walked upon the ıtform. No one seemed tired when the meeting s over at about half past nine. Walking down the le a lady said, "Why how happy everybody is!" d a gentleman remarked, "Dr. Gordon certainly joys his audience and enjoys himself."

I thought over these two remarks, and I just ndered if our First Church of San Francisco had t caught some of the spirit of happiness of the early sciples, when Peter forgot himself as he spoke of sus, and both speaker and hearer delighted in e expression of truth.

Prayer is really offered in these Wednesday even- g meetings. One feels that the whole congregation asking God to turn a wayward son back home, help a husband provide for his wife and coming tle one, to assist the surgeon in a critical operation on a relative at the hospital, to enable a lonesome rk to find friends in a strange city. These were me of the subjects of prayer. Answers to previous quests were acknowledged as the most natural re- lts of prayer. Such an earnest petition as Dr. rdon offered. He really prayed.

The question drawer took about two-thirds of that markable meeting. Dr. Gordon's answers were so ne and wholesome; so full of humor and revealed ch a fund of information. Twelve in all there were, follows:

1. What type of orator is best adapted to sway a eat political convention?
2. Will not the nomination of Calvin Coolidge dis- ease the labor vote?
3. What is the difference between the Scotch-Irish d the real Irish?
4. Does not the chronology of the Bible teach that e human race is of recent origin?
5. Have you read: "The Ghost in the White House" Gerald Stanley Lee?
6. How did the 16,000 new American millionaires ake their money?
7. Will "New Thought" develop as strong a type character as the theology of Edwards, Bushnell d Beecher?
8. Could the Christian Scientists of America by a ncentration of healing power, improve the physical ndition of President Wilson?
9. What one feature in the personnel of the aver- e American woman indicates a lack of poise?
10. Why is Spain less agressive than other na- ns?
11. Is not the black race in America increasing ore rapidly than the white race?
12. Are conversions going out of date?

Just before the close the pastor took his people to his confidence. He said: "I am to be with you e more Sunday before vacation. The last Sunday always leaves an impression upon the preacher. If you like me, you will be here next Sunday morning; but if you love me, you will be here both Sunday morning and evening." R. B. D.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR AT FRESNO

Fresno gave a royal welcome to the throngs of Christian Endeavorers who gathered in their annual convention the latter part of June. They came from all parts of the state, 2200 strong, a happy enthusiastic alive bunch of young people. The denominations were represented as follows: Presbyterians were the strongest, 803; the "Christians" next with 479 delegates; Congregationalists with 251; Baptists, 210, and the United Brethren with 105.

The convention endorsed the work of the Anti-Saloon League and the Inter-church World Movement. It also urged "Our Life-work Recruits to seek their training for service in their denominational schools wherever such are available."

The Congregational Rally was held in the First Church with 175 delegates present. It was presided over by Rev. LaRue Watson. Many pastors were present and twenty-five Life Recruits. Addresses were given by Rowland B. Dodge, Paul C. Brown and Roy Bregg. There were short talks by many others. The ladies of the church furnished a generous supper at the close of the afternoon program.

One of the convention Bible classes was conducted by Rowland B. Dodge, whose theme was "A Complete Christian, Using God's Word." There was a fine spirit throughout the whole convention.

The new officers are: B. I. Valentine of San Bernardino, president; Reese Martin, Oakland, secretary; Paul C. Brown and Clarence Sprague, field secretaries.

MONDAY CLUB

July 12. Two returning Pilgrims from the International Council were present, Rev. William Floyd of Berkeley, and Rev. W. J. Ashford of Tasmania, Australia. Mr. Floyd was enthusiastic; he had had the time of his life. Mr. Ashford spoke in glowing terms of the impression made upon his mind; with commendable frankness he showed what were the shortcomings of the great gathering. The program was too crowded, allowing almost no time for discussions, no free interchange of though and opinions. He felt that the hospitality was pitiably unorganized; and that the meeting of the Council at Plymouth Rock was not made the central and most important gathering of the delegates that it ought to be, but was in effect merely a side-show. He would have had the meeting at that historic spot utter some declaration that would go not only to the great denomination throughout the world, but would also be heard with delight by all followers of Jesus of whatever name.

Rev H. L. Preston and wife of Campbell have been spending their vacation at Pacific Grove. They had the unpleasant experience while out riding of being run into by another automobile. Mrs. Preston was somewhat bruised and cut; but the others escaped without injury.

THE PSYCHOLOGY OF RACIAL ATTITUDES

By William Pickens, Ph. D.

Wherever there is difference there is difficulty. Different classes mean rivalry, competition and prejudice. And a race is but a class! It is a classification based on blood or history or social relations; as other classifications may be based on wealth, or occupation, or religion. The racial classification seems more important because it is more permanent. Nature seems to lend authority to racial differences, while other differences are mere accidents of our economic and social systems. A poor man may become a rich man, and vice versa; an employer may become an employee, and vice versa; a Catholic may become a Protestant, and vice versa. But a black race will not become a white race, if left to itself. To the average mind, therefore, the racial line gains in importance.

President Roosevelt had a long conference with Booker T. Washington, a Negro, and gave him some food to keep him from going hungry. A great protest went up in the land. A few months later, after Booker Washington had made a speech in Florida, a white man, with sincerity in his voice and manner came up to shake Washington's hand, and said: "I enjoyed your speech. I really think you are the greatest man in the country. I used to think Theodore Roosevelt was the greatest man in the country till he went and ate dinner with you."

A good white woman went to Chattanooga, Tennessee, and started a colored orphanage. And one day, while she was soliciting funds to take care of the little black babies; another woman of her race faced her in the doorway and said "I pity you! I do not see how you can put your hands on those little things." And while this proud woman was uttering this "pity," she was holding a little poodle dog's head up against her own cheek, and he was licking her on the mouth.

And I have heard that in some corners of the world a man of the superior race will have children by a woman of the inferior race,—and would still object to sitting down at one end of a long table to eat his dinner, if a Negro were seated at the other end of that table, even though that Negro were one of those children. This feeling is not logical, but it is psychological.

WHAT'S IN A NAME

Conflicting responses have come to the suggestion that our name might reasonably be changed in some way to represent what we are.

L. L. W. protests with vehemence against violating the sacred name of "The Pacific." "Shades of Benton, Dwinell and Moore, to say nothing of S. S. Smith and John Kimball and Dr. Warren," exclaims our correspondent, "why do the modern iconoclasts want to lay vandal hands on all the old land marks?"

But H. B. W. says she thinks "Pacific Congregationalist" would do very well. While A. A. K. says he likes better "California Congregationalist; or Coast Congregationalist, or Pacific Pilgrim." One can see that he favors alliteration.

S. C. P. urges no change, stand by the old nam it has behind it too fine and long a history to b lightly dropped.

The Editor dare not do more than he has done, pu over the good old name a sub-title (is "sub" just righ in this connection?) which tells what the litt monthly tries to be. It is bound to be a conveyor o news, if the Editor can get it; and also pacific s long as he can keep his temper.

A HINDU LAMENT

"Weary are we of empty creeds,
Of deafening calls to fruitless deeds;
Weary of priests who cannot pray,
Of guides who show no man the way;
Weary or rites wise men condemn,
Of worship linked with lust and shame;
Weary of custom, blind, enthroned,
Of conscience trampled, God disowned;
Weary of men in sections cleft,
Hindu life of love bereft,
Woman debased, no more a queen,
Nor knowing what she once hath been;
Weary of babbling about birth,
And of the mockery men call mirth;
Weary of life not understood,
A battle not a brotherhood;
Weary of a thousand years,
Freighted with chaos, darkness, fears;
Life is an ill, the sea of births is wide,
And we are weary; who shall be our guide?

—From the Madras Mail.

ODDS AND ENDS

The Southern Baptists in convention had no sc words for the sorry spectacle of the governor of o state swearing to uphold the constitution of t United States and in the same breath declaring th he would do his utmost to make his little state as w as the Atlantic.

They added: "We do not call his name because w do not wish to add to the shame of the good peop of his commonwealth who are loyal Americans a deplore such treason."

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The government at Washington has given out s tistics proving that it adds $248 a year to one's come merely to be able to read and write. That the difference between the man who can and the m who cannot. According to the same authority t financial difference between the man of grade scho ing and the man of university training is $234 month, or $2,808 per year. The moral is: "Get ed cation."

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The Anti-Saloon League urges upon all temperan people to keep alert against the foes of the hon The Harris bill comes up for ratification at t November election. It has been held up by ref endum by the "wets." Be sure to vote in favor the bill. If the "wets" succeed in voting it down, shall have no dry enforcement legislation in C fornia.